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1. HABIB CALLED IN AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA NOVEMBER 13 TO CONVEY OUR REJECTION OF JAPANESE PROPOSED COMPROMISE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UNGA.

2. HABIB EXPLAINED THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NORTH KOREANS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE ROK AND THAT IT CLEAR NORTH KOREA AND ITS SUPPORTERS ARE RIGID IN THEIR WISH TO HAVE THEIR RESOLUTION VOTED ON AND PASSED.

3. YASUKAWA INDICATED THAT HE HAD ANTICIPATED NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM US. FURTHER COMMENTED THAT, IN ANY EVENT, THERE OBVIOUSLY NOT SUFFICIENT TIME TO FLOAT A COMPROMISE

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PROPOSAL BEFORE SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 18 UNGA VOTE ON KOREAN QUESTION.

4. MORE GENERALLY, YASUKAWA QUERIED HABIB AS TO U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARDS USING SECRETARY GENERAL AS INTERMEDIARY WITH NORTH KOREANS. MR. HABIB INDICATED THAT WE SAW NO

UTILITY TO USING SECRETARY GENERAL AS NEGOTIATING INTERMEDIARY. HE POINTED OUT THAT PROBLEM WITH REGARD TO THE NORTH KOREANS DOES NOT RELATE TO QUESTION OF ACCESS OR NEED TO USE INTERMEDIARY. RATHER BAR TO

PROGRESS IS NORTH KOREAN SUBSTANTIVE RIGIDITY AND ITS REFUSAL TO DEAL WITH THE SOUTH.

5. IN CLOSING HABIB TOLD YASAKAWA THAT WE WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION FURTHER WITH THE GOJ AFTER UNGA VOTE.
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